



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.:	10/667,176	)	Art Unit: 3721
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Title:	Preloaded Drop Hammer For Driving	)	
	Piles	)	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) follows the final Office Action mailed 04/11/2008. A one-month Extension of Time is respectfully requested making this response due 08/11/2008.

Enclosed is a \$465 check in payment of the small entity extension fee and the \$405 RCE small entity filing fee. It is believed that no further fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 502099.

Please amend the application as described herein.

**REMARKS**

This Submission is filed with a Request for Continued Examination following receipt by the Applicant of a final Office Action mailed 04/11/2008. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 18, and 21 under 35 USC §§103(a). By this Amendment, the Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's finding of obviousness and has amended claims 1, 4, 8, 13, and 18 to clarify the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references.